

FEMA Awards Landmark Medical Center Over \$1 Million for COVID Response Costs

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BOSTON – The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending more than \$1 million to the State of Rhode Island to reimburse Landmark Medical Center for the costs of steps taken to protect patients, staff and the public during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$1,058,012 FEMA Public Assistance grant will reimburse the 214-bed Woonsocket hospital's parent company, Prime Healthcare Foundation, Inc. for the additional costs of operating in a pandemic environment between March 2020 and December 2021.

The costs included purchasing medical supplies such as COVID test kits, oxygen sensors, catheter supplies and personal protective equipment (PPE) like masks, face shields, gowns, medical gloves.

Landmark also bought building materials used for constructing temporary COVID-19 units such as cement, PVC pipe, wire, flex tapes, security cameras and a display monitor, door slide sensors, and automatic slide doors.

“FEMA is pleased to be able to assist Landmark Medical Center with these costs,” said FEMA Region 1 Regional Administrator Lori Ehrlich. “Providing resources for our partners on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic fight is critical to their success, and to our success as a nation.”

FEMA’s Public Assistance program is an essential source of funding for states and communities recovering from a federally declared disaster or emergency.

This grant brings the total awarded by FEMA to the State of Rhode Island to more than \$641 million to reimburse the state for pandemic-related expenses.

